



**Pennsylvania - Delaware Chapter**  
**Association for the Education and Rehabilitation**  
**of the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
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**NEW THIS YEAR!**  
**Penn-Del AER Professional Development**  
**Pre-Conference Workshop: Focus on Leadership**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**8:45 AM – 12:15 PM**

You're invited to a unique, interactive workshop where you can develop your leadership skills alongside your colleagues. This inaugural pre-conference event is sponsored by the Penn-Del Chapter of AER and will precede the opening session of the **2019 Penn-Del AER Conference**.

The pre-conference workshop will be conducted by Dr. Amy J. Armstrong, who presented the well-received Midnote Address at the 2018 Penn-Del AER Conference. Dr. Armstrong will focus on appreciative leadership skills and ways in which leaders can grow themselves and others, both personally and professionally. During this 3.5-hour workshop, Dr. Armstrong will emphasize the relational aspects of leadership and how we can build and strengthen our collaborative work, ultimately impacting the work that we do with students, clients and colleagues. Dr. Armstrong believes that, regardless of one's title or position, each professional has the opportunity and the responsibility to build healthy communities and to address the challenge of difficult conversations when necessary.

This first-time leadership workshop has been crafted as an interactive morning, through which participants can organically discover new aspects of leadership within themselves and for those they serve.

### **Date and Time**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 ~ 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM including working lunch.

### **Location**

Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center  
Harrisburg, PA

## Presenter

Dr. Amy J. Armstrong, Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University



Dr. Amy J. Armstrong is chair and associate professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She has been involved in advocacy, education and employment issues related to individuals with disabilities for over 35 years and currently focuses on appreciative leadership development at the university. Dr. Armstrong's interests include: employment of marginalized populations; wellbeing; community integration; leadership and personal/professional transformation. She received an MA in Rehabilitation in Rehabilitation Counseling from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in Education from VCU.

## Registration Fee

\$50.00 for AER members; \$75.00 for non-members. Morning beverages and private buffet lunch are included in registration fee.

## Professional Development Credits

Penn-Del AER offers certificates of completion for conference participants to apply for professional development credits.

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## About the Annual Penn-Del AER Chapter Conference:

The 2019 Penn-Del AER Conference “Charting Our Course: Together Toward Tomorrow” will be held April 24–26, 2019. The conference is nationally respected and offers a wide range of opportunities for professions in the field of education and rehabilitation of individuals with visual impairments. It provides professional development to enhance one’s skill set, time to share expertise and experiences, and opportunities to network with professionals in the field.

- [Conference Brochure Link](#)
- [Conference Registration Link](#)



## Hotel Information

The Central Hotel and Conference Center at the Best Western Premier  
800 E Park Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2807  
Phone: 717-561-2800

The conference hotel room rate \$119.95 plus 11% tax. Room rates are guaranteed until March 24, 2019, so reserve early. Below are instructions on how attendees can make easy online reservations:

- Go to [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com) and scroll to the bottom of the page
- Under Discover, click Group Reservations
- There you will enter the group code: A20QD0S9 (it is case sensitive and those are zeros, not the letter O)

You can also use the following URL, which is specific to our group:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.39125.html?groupId=A20QD0S9](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39125.html?groupId=A20QD0S9)

If you prefer to book your room via phone, you are more than welcome to call the hotel directly at 717-561-2800. Just follow the prompts to reach the front desk and one of their reservation agents will be happy to make your reservation.

## Contacts

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## NOTE

Pictures will be taken for publicity purposes.

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